BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 2, 2001

IN RE:)	
ALL TELEPHONE COMPANIES TARIFF)	DOCKET NO.
FILINGS REGARDING)	97-00409
RECLASSIFICATION OF PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY)	
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS)	
COMMISSION (FCC) DOCKET 96-128)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXCEED FORTY DISCOVERY REQUESTS

This matter came before the Pre-Hearing Officer for consideration of the *Motion* to Exceed Forty Discovery Requests filed by the Tennessee Payphone Owners Association ("TPOA") on June 22, 2001. In its Motion, the TPOA requests permission to exceed the forty (40) discovery request limitation imposed by Rule 1220-1-2-.11(5)(a). Along with its Motion, the TPOA proffered a total of sixty-four (64) requests, including subparts, related to the cost study filed in this proceeding by United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("United").

The TPOA states that it needs answers to the additional requests in order to understand the complexities of the cost study and determine why United's cost study produces rates that are twice the rates charged by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC, and Citizens

Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC. United did not file a response to the Motion.¹

Rule 1220-1-2-.11(5)(a) requires a party wishing to exceed the forty (40) discovery request limitation to seek such relief from the Authority or Hearing Officer. The motion must set forth the additional requests and establish good cause. The Pre-Hearing Officer finds that the TPOA has satisfied these requirements and, therefore, the Motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The *Motion to Exceed Forty Discovery Requests* filed in this proceeding by the Tennessee Payphone Owners Association on June 22, 2001 is hereby granted.

Director H. Lynn Greer, Ir.

Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

¹ Rule 1220-1-2-.06(2) provides: "Any party opposing a motion shall file and serve a response within seven (7) days after service of the motion." The certificate of service attached to the Motion lists the service date as June 22, 2001; therefore, responses were due on Friday, June 29, 2001.